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REMARKS

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1. The artillery range for Camp Nochten (O 52/A 73) was located east of the Boxberg-Weisswasser road, between Boxberg and Nochten. The troop camp was located on the west side of this road. Four T-34/85 tanks were seen entering the artillery range on 10 August 1951. Trucks [redacted] and a sedan [redacted] were seen in the drive way leading to the camp. The vehicles were driven by soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. 50X1-HUM
2. An AT artillery unit, which detrained at the Weisswasser railroad station on 12 July, consisted of 1 lieutenant colonel, 3 majors, 2 captains, 12 lieutenants, and about 100 E1. The unit was equipped with 4 model ZIS-3 AT guns and 5 trucks [redacted] Officers [redacted] and E1 with baggage were seen driving to the Weisswasser railroad station on trucks [redacted] on 18 July. The troops [redacted] 50X1-HUM boarded the regular Cottbus-bound train, and the other truck hauled newly arrived E1 with baggage to the troop camp. 50X1-HUM
3. Small columns of tanks, apparently T-34/85s, were seen at Camp Nochten between 11 and 23 July. A practice firing demonstration conducted by seven tanks on 15 July was witnessed by about 100 officers and men. The tanks fired at a range of about 2,000 meters. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
[redacted] Their drivers wore red-bordered black epaulets. * 50X1-HUM

- * Comment. The information on the Weisswasser troop training grounds in paragraph 1 checks with previous reports. [redacted] the AT artillery unit detrained on 12 July 1951 is believed to have been a 50X1-HUM component of the 91st Tank Regt of the 9th Mecz Div. The troops observed at the Weisswasser railroad station on 18 July 1951 probably belonged to the 9th Mecz Div and were going on, or returning from, furlough. In other respects, the information indicates no change. [redacted]
[redacted] The vehicle [redacted] mentioned in the present report belong to components of the 9th Mecz Div which are believed to be at the troop training grounds.

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